

FATHOM THIS!
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Welcome to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and to the new year! *Your* floating national park on San Francisco's historic waterfront offers a unique experience for all ages. For descriptions of all the tours and special programs the park has to offer, see the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/>, and the website of the cooperating San Francisco Maritime National Park Association: <http://www.maritime.org>.

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MARITIME STORY TIME, FOR KIDS: THE TALE OF HENRY AND HARRY
Saturday, January 8, 1:00-1:30, in the Visitor Center. No fee. Information: 415-447-5000.

Join volunteer Denise McEvoy as she relates the 1887 adventures of two stowaway kittens aboard the *Balclutha*. Hear what it was like to be a kitten sailor on the ship's maiden voyage, sailing the rough Cape Horn passage to San Francisco.

SMALL CRAFT COLLECTION TOUR
Saturday, January 15, 9:30am-2:30pm, at the warehouse in Alameda. No fee.

Reservations and directions to warehouse: 415-292-6664, or email Mariah Gardner at mgardner@maritime.org.

Tour the collection of nearly 100 historic small boats, stored in a warehouse in Alameda. The tour will cover the history, design and construction of these working and pleasure craft, including designs unique to San Francisco Bay. Bring a bag lunch.

KLEBINGAT LECTURE SERIES: THE PORTUGUESE IN AMERICAN WHALING

Saturday, January 22, 6:00pm, in the Maritime Library, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. E, 3rd floor. Donation: \$5 general, \$4 Library Friends and San Francisco Maritime National Park Association members. Information and reservations: 415-561-7040.

Historian and author Don Warrin will discuss his new book, *So Ends This Day - The Portuguese In American Whaling: 1765-1927*. In it he tells the story of Portuguese crewmen who ultimately came to dominate the American whaling industry in its final days on the Pacific coast. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

FROM THE MARITIME LIBRARY'S FILM COLLECTION

J. Porter Shaw Maritime Library located in Fort Mason Center, Bldg. E, 3rd floor. The library is open by appointment only, 1pm-4pm, Monday through Friday, and the third Saturday of the month. Appointments: 415-561-7030.

View maritime films on video and DVD in the maritime library. Choose from the library's collection, and library staff will assist you in setting up a viewing station. Two documentaries of note are the *CSS HL Hunley*. This National Geographic Society production shows how the pioneer U.S. Civil War submarine was discovered in Charleston Harbor after years of searching, and then recovered in 1995. From the San Diego Maritime Museum comes *Setting Sail*. This video narrated by Walter Cronkite takes you aboard the world's oldest active square rigger for a day of sailing in San Diego Harbor.

LINKS

<http://www.nps.gov/safr/> San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

<http://www.maritime.org> San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, the park's nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.libray.nps.gov> The Maritime Library catalog.

<http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm> The park museum catalog records.

<http://www.maritimelibraryfriends.org> The Maritime Library's nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.hydestreetlivinghistory.org> The park living History program's volunteer created and managed website.

<http://www.corsair-viking.org> The San Francisco Sea Scouts, the park's neighboring partner in Aquatic Park.